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Maine Department of Education

Commissioner Susan A. Gendron

Maine Department of Education

23 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333-0023

Dear Commissioner Gendron:

This letter is intended to give you a progress report on the development of a reorganization plan from the Durham/Freeport/Pownal Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC).

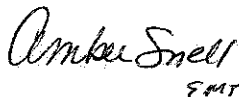
The RPC is currently making determinations as to how the plan might be improved and strengthened so that a strong and viable RSU, which is created with the support of the communities, will result. In addition, the RPC has agreed upon a cost sharing formula, now that legislative action has occurred that allows an alternative cost sharing method. The RPC has also discussed the concept of an Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS) rather than an RSU. At its last meeting the RPC chose to continue with the development of a reorganization plan to create an RSU. The RPC is also awaiting the receipt of a facility study, especially the portion of it that deals with the high school capacity information.

The RPC is currently reviewing its draft plan. The RPC has meetings scheduled for June 18 and June 25 with the intention of completing that review and voting on whether to approve the plan for submission to the local school governing bodies by the end of this month. Votes by the local school governing bodies to consider submittal of the Plan to you would follow shortly thereafter.

If the plan is approved for submission, the anticipated referendum vote on the plan is sometime in September.

Thank you for your consideration of this update on the progress of our RPC.

Sincerely yours,


EMT

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Durham RPC Tri-Chair


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Cc: RPC members